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VIA FACSIMILE (914) 390-4170

Honorable Vincent L. Briccetti United States District Judge United States District Court 300 Quarropas Street, Room 630 White Plains, New York 10601

Re:

Caruso Glynn, LLC v. SAI Trust

Case No.:

11 Civ. 4360 (VLB)

CG File No.:

88.071108.01

Dear Judge Briccetti:

In accordance with Your Honor's directives as set forth in the July 9, 2012 Memorandum Decision, please be advised that arbitration was commenced on July 31, 2012 with a filing of a Petition for Arbitration in accordance with Part 137 §3, sub-section H1(a) of the Rules of the Chief Administrator as agreed in the Stipulation to Arbitrate. However, the Program Administrator has now advised that the Fee Dispute program does not entertain fee disputes in excess of \$50,000.00 even in instances where the parties have an agreement to arbitrate. (Rule 137.1[b][2]). A copy of the letter from the Program Administrator has been enclosed.

While SAI has advised the Program Administrator that it wishes to proceed with arbitration in that forum, we have advised the Eleventh Judicial District that we likewise intend to pursue our counterclaim of \$257,578.071 in a separate forum, and proposed that in the interest of judicial economy, it would make more sense to arbitrate all claims in one forum as opposed to piecemeal fashion. We are still awaiting a response from the Eleventh Judicial District in this regard.

¹ The amount rightfully earned by this firm under the contingency fee agreement.

In the event that the matter does proceed to arbitration in the Eleventh Judicial District for the amount SAI claims it owes under a time basis, and as the panel will be constrained from entertaining our counterclaim which exceeds \$50,000.00, we respectfully request that the Court order that either 1) the parties shall arbitrate this firm's counterclaim in a separate forum, or 2) that the stay in this matter be lifted so that we may proceed to litigate our counterclaim for the amount set forth in our Complaint.

Respectfully yours,

CARUSO GLYNN, LLC

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To the extent this letter seeks reconsideration of the Court's 7/9/12 Memorandum Decision, it is DENIED. The Court's 7/9/12 Memorandum Decision, it is DENIED. The Story remains in effects. The positive are durated story remains in effects. The positive are durated to provide a status report by letter to the Court by to provide a status report by letter to the Court by No (ates than 11/9/12.

So ordered:

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Chief Administrative Judge

STATE OF NEW YORK UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SUPREME COURT

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JEREMY S. WEINSTEIN
Administrative Judge

Eleventh Judicial District Supreme Court

Administrative Judge Civit Term

August 14, 2012

FERN A. FISHER
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge
New York City Courts

Caruso Glynn, LLC 53-04 193rd Street Fresh Meadows, New York 11365

Re: Caruso Glynn, LLC and SAI Trust/Robert Membreno Attorney/Client Fee Dispute Arbitration - Case No. 247

Dear Sirs:

I am in receipt of your Petition dated July 30, 2012. First, please be advised that the Fee Dispute program is not a court to which a party might petition for relief. The program is intended to provide for the "informal and expeditious" resolution of disputes. (Part 137 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator). Moreover, the program does not entertain fee disputes in excess of \$50,000. (Rule 137.1 [b][2]). It follows that you must pursue your claims for \$257,578.07 in attorney's fees in another venue.

Moreover, it appears from our records that a Client Request for Fee Arbitration was previously filed in this matter (Case No. 247) and the case has been inactive since July 30, 2010. The amount in dispute is also unclear inasmuch as your Notice of Client's Right to Arbitrate A Dispute Over Fees dated April 29, 2010 states an amount due of \$11,384.22, however your Attorney Response to Request for Fee Arbitration dated July 30, 2012 states an amount due of \$16,561.84.

In light of the foregoing, a copy of this letter will be forwarded to the client with a cover letter advising the client that if the Program does not receive notification within 15 days as to whether the client wishes to proceed on the Client Request which was filed on June 21, 2010 in this matter, our file will be closed. Should the client notify the Program that it elects to proceed, the matter will be assigned to a panel of arbitrators and a hearing date will be scheduled.

Very truly yours,

Maria Bradley, Esq. Program Administrator

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Part 137 Program

Eleventh Judicial District

cc: Mr. Robert Membreno, Trustee of SAI Trust 2072-B Walsh Avenuc Santa Clara, California 95050

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